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Paris Climate Agreement
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America has pulled out of the Paris Climate change agreement and if so, the repercussions for India and the manner in which it is likely to affect the renewable energy ambitions of the country;
(b) whether India is likely to fulfil its commitment and take initiatives in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the difficulties being faced by the Government in reducing the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the steps taken/being taken to resolve the problems?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) United States of America has announced that it will withdraw from Paris Climate change agreement.Although, most of India's climate actions are funded from domestic sources, USA's withdrawal from Paris Agreement will affect the availability of international funds for climate actions.

(b) The Paris Agreement will be implemented in post 2020 period and the commitments as part of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) under Paris Agreementpertain to the period 2021 − 2030. India is committed to implement its NDC goals as per the specific sectoral policies and priorities of the Government.

(c) India announced its voluntary goal to reduce the emission intensity of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 20-25 per cent from 2005 levels by 2020. India's ambitious actions have resulted in the decline of emission intensity of our GDP by 12% between 2005 and 2010. The United Nations Environment Programme in its Emissions Gap Report 2016 has recognized India as one of the countries on track to achieving its voluntary goal.

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